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Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION
 Attorney Docket No.: 3985
 Inventor: Rolf ESPE
 Title: PRESS PAD CONTAINING FLUOROELASTOMER
 OR FLUOROSILICONE ELASTOMER

Dear Sir:

1) I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:
 a) 16 pages of specification; 18 claims, 1 independent;
1 Fig. on 1 sheet of formal drawings;
 an abstract;
1 return receipt postcard;
 b) Declaration, Power of Attorney;
 c) Form PTO-2038 (\$395.00) to cover the filing fee **and** the fee
 for Assignment Recordal. Any fee deficiency or additional
 fee may be charged to Deposit Account No.: 50-0507;
 d) An Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet and copy of
 Assignment.

2) The Priorities of earlier Utility Model applications:

Utility Model No. 200 05 255.1, filed on March 21, 2000 in Federal Republic
 of Germany; and
 Utility Model No. 200 08 249.3, filed on May 12, 2000 in Federal Republic of
 Germany

are hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please
 acknowledge the priority claim.

3) A copy of the Priority Document 200 05 255.1 WILL FOLLOW. A copy
 of Priority Document 200 08 249.3 WILL FOLLOW.

4) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:
CUSTOMER NO. 021553.

5) Small Entity Status is claimed for this application.

Very truly yours,

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